LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of controlling a camera to capture security-related events, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether a security-related event has occurred or is occurring at one or more locations in or near a surveyed area; ~~and~~

(b) automatically activating said camera in response to a positive determination that a security-related event has occurred or is occurring at a particular location in order to capture video information at said particular location;

(c) capturing a digital video clip of said security-related event;

(d) storing data characterizing the security-related event in a database; and

(e) automatically associating said digital video clip with one or more data identifiers characterizing said security-related event.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said security-related events occur in or around a gaming establishment.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said camera is located in a gaming machine at or near where said security-related event took place.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said camera is located in a position above multiple gaming machines in the gaming establishment.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining which of a plurality of available cameras should capture video information.

6. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically directing and focusing said camera to capture video information at said particular location.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original)   The method of claim 8, wherein at least a portion of the data stored within said database is organized by security-related events.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **1** ~~10~~, wherein said one or more data identifiers comprise at least one or more items selected from the group consisting of: the type or types of security-related event, a time of the security-related event, a date of the security-related event, a location of the security-related event, the camera or cameras capturing video information of the security-related event, data card insertion information, meter information, manual operator information, and one or more arbitrary identifiers that can be cross-referenced or catalogued.

12. (Original) A computer-implemented method of providing information about security-related events, the method comprising:

(a) capturing a digital video clip of a security-related event occurring at a particular location in a surveyed area; and

(b) automatically associating said digital video clip with one or more data identifiers characterizing the security-related event.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said security-related events occur in or around a gaming establishment.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said security-related event comprises an event selected from the group consisting of: a manually triggered alarm ~~such as a fire alarm or security hot button~~, irregular use of a smart card, electronic funds transfers in excess of a threshold amount, credit requests or use in excess of a threshold amount, a substantial matching of a patron to a catalogued suspect by a facial recognition system, a gaming machine slot door open, a gaming machine drop door open, a gaming machine fill door open, a gaming machine panel open, a loss of network communication to a gaming machine, irregular gaming machine to network communications, a substantially large jackpot hit, and an irregular or frequent plurality of jackpot hits from one gaming machine or a group of gaming machines.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of storing data characterizing the security-related event in a database.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the data stored within said database is organized by security-related events.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said one or more data identifiers comprise at least one or more items selected from the group consisting of: the type or types of security-related event, a time of the security-related event, a date of the security-related event, a location of the security-related event, the camera or cameras capturing video information of the security-related event, data card insertion information, meter information, manual

operator information, and one or more arbitrary identifiers that can be cross-referenced or catalogued.

18. (Original) A method of controlling operation of a surveillance camera in response to a security-related event, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether a security-related event has occurred or is occurring at a particular location in or near a surveyed area;

(b) determining which of a plurality of cameras can capture video information at said particular location;

(c) automatically directing and focusing at least one camera to capture video information at said particular location;

(d) capturing a video clip of said security-related event;

(e) automatically associating said video clip with one or more data identifiers characterizing said security-related event;

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:

(f) automatically activating one or more cameras in order to capture video information at said particular location.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:

(f) storing data characterizing the security-related event in a database.